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Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—“ May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether he will accept the co-operation of any non-official agency who are interested in Nayadis to start the work ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I do not know.”

*Relief to the labourers and Adi-Andhras of Ellore.*

\* 1836 Q.—Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Labour Commissioner or the Government has received petitions from Adi-Andhras and labourers of Ellore who have suffered loss of thatched houses and household furniture and utensils by fire ;

(b) whether any action has been taken by the Labour Commissioner ; if so, what kind of relief in money or kind has been given for the sufferers and the amount spent ; and

(c) if the answer is in the negative, the reasons for it ?

A.—(a) No. A telegram on the subject was received from M.R.Ry. M. Narayana Rao Garu, M.L.C.

(b) & (c) The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 10,000 for the purchase of materials required for the building and repair of the houses of the poor and any other relief measures which the Collector of West Godavari may find necessary. The Government have also permitted the Collector to take palmyra trees to the value of Rs. 5,000 from porambokes in charge of the Public Works Department for distribution to the persons whose houses have been burnt.

Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO :—“ May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether it is a fact that the Adi-Andhras have sent petitions to the Labour Commissioner and if so what action has been taken by him ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ The Government have already taken action in the matter.”

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—“ May I know if the Government have received any report from the Collector of West Godavari regarding the extent of loss sustained by the people in the fire accident ? ”

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—“ I have not seen any final report on that point. I will enquire.”

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—“ May I know if the amount of Rs. 10,000 placed at the disposal of the Collector is the maximum amount that the Government are prepared to give to the poor people or whether they are going to increase it on receiving the report of the extent of the loss ? ”

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—“ After receiving the first information, we placed Rs. 5,000 at the disposal of the Collector and asked him to apply for more if necessary. He then wanted another Rs. 5,000 and it was granted.”

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know if the whole sum of Rs. 10,000 has been utilized, and if it has not been, whether the unutilized portion will be re-allotted next year ? ”

The hon. Sir NORMAN MAEJORIBANKS :—“ I cannot say whether it has been spent or not ; it is a matter which the Collector will be aware of. If it has not been spent, the hon. Member may rest assured that we shall provide for the money required in the next year.”

### Motor Vehicles Act

*Appointment of full time Bus Inspectors in Madras and some other districts.*

\* 1837 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) why appointments of full-time Bus Inspectors in the City of Madras and in the districts of Chingleput, Trichinopoly, Guntur, Bellary and South Arcot have not yet been made ;

(b) whether the fees realized from the bus owners on account of half-yearly inspection in the above districts will be sufficient to meet the expenditure caused by the appointment of Motor Bus Inspectors ;

(c) whether the Government are aware that in the districts of South Kanara and Tanjore where the number of buses are respectively reported to be 130 and 131 the Motor Bus Inspectors have already been appointed ; and

(d) what the principle is on which such appointments are made ?

A.—(a) & (b) In the districts of Chingleput, Trichinopoly, Guntur, Bellary and South Arcot, the fees collected do not justify the appointment of a full-time inspector.

In the case of the City of Madras, the Government have decided in view of the special conditions under which traffic is concentrated in the City to leave the duty of inspection of buses in the hands of the Commissioner of Police for the present.

(c) Yes.

(d) It is the policy of Government to appoint whole-time inspectors who are fully qualified engineers wherever the fees received justify the payment of a sufficient salary.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—“ With reference to the answer to clauses (a) and (b), may I know whether the Police are doing their duty in this matter satisfactorily ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ Yes.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know how much of the fees collected fall short of the amount needed for the appointment of bus inspectors in those districts ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I cannot give the information off hand. I should like to have notice.”

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—“ May I know whether the fees collected in Madras is appropriated by the Commissioner of Police or credited to the provincial funds ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I think it is credited to Government, and the Commissioner gets an honorarium for his work.”